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### The Uniplex line

Uniplex is a fully automatic line dedicated to the production of thread sewn book block in a single gathering/sewing operation.

Differently from its famous cousin the Multiplex SA line, Uniplex has been specifically designed so that one single operator can handle the whole production process, starting from the loading of folded signatures into the gatherer to the downloading of the sewn book blocks.

The Uniplex line is extremely compact and it is ideally suited to production of sewn books composed of up to twelve signatures such as diaries, children's books

and art catalogues. The gathering machine can have four up to twelve MX4 loading stations, while the sewing machine can be alternatively an Aster 180C or an Aster 180, both featuring a maximum

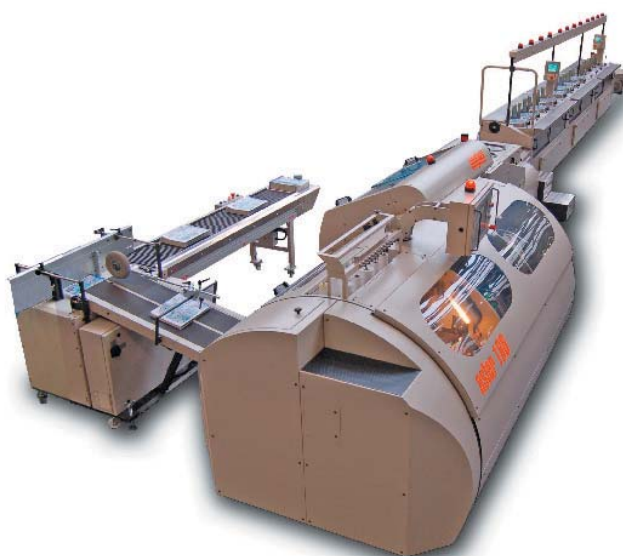
signature format of 420 x 320.

The line can also be designed for processing two-up signatures with a maximum format of 510 x 320 mm; in this case the line will be configured with MX gathering modules, featuring 3 pockets per each module, connected to an Aster 180/51 book sewing machine.

The Uniplex gathering and sewing line offers several advantages over the traditional production by stand alone machines. They mainly consist on the elimination of inter-

mediate handling and storage operations on the gathered signatures, a strong reduction of personnel required and a better organization of the production process. In today's ever-increasingly competitive market - especially on short and medium runs -, it has become a must for every bookbinder to respond dynamically and quickly to printer's requirement.

The Uniplex line represents the ideal solution for this kind of production, offering the opportunity



The Uniplex line, composed by an Aster 180 book sewing machine and a MX4 gathering line with 12 pockets.



The first of the two Uniplex lines installed at SNDF (France), equipped with an Aster 180 book sewing machine and 8 stations MX4 gatherer.



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to comply with the delivery time, which is getting shorter and shorter.

In view of its need to increase its output capacity more rationally

and its long term positive experience with the use of Aster book sewing machines, the French company SNDF, Société Nationale De Façonnage, has decided to buy

two Uniplex gathering and sewing lines within two months between each other.

The two lines are composed by eight and twelve MX4 gathering stations respectively; both are connected to Aster 180 book sewing machines.

Established in 1976, SNDF is located near Paris and employs around 140 people; the production facilities cover a total surface of 3500sqm.

Its customers are strongly diversified, and none of them re-

presents more than 6% of the overall turnover.

The firm is specialized on the high value added production of complex and first-rate products, such as fashion and cosmetics catalogues, produced in short or medium runs (5.000 – 30.000 books).

With the recent update of its machineries SNDF proves to have a market-oriented strategy, by achieving the highest level of technological development available on the market.



The second Uniplex line installed at SNDF, fitted with an Aster 180 and a 12 stations MX4 gathering machine.

## Coming exhibitions:

**GRAFITALIA '09** - Milan, Italy - 24th to 28th March 2009

**GULF PRINT '09** - Dubai, U.A.E. - 6th to 9th April 2009

**CHINA PRINT '09** - Beijing, China - 12th to 16th May 2009

**PRINT '09** - Chicago, USA - 11th to 16 September 2009



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